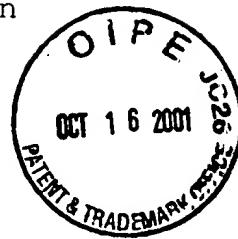


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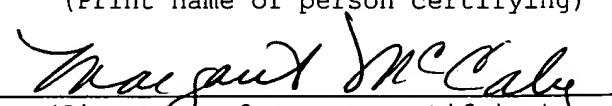
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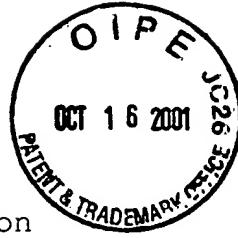
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Sir:

On April 25, 2001, the above-identified application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, under Rule 1.53(b) Missing Parts.

Enclosed at this time is an original declaration, which includes the signatures of the sole inventor. This copy has been altered only to indicate the serial number and filing date of the subject application.

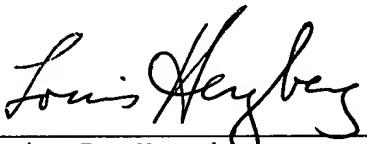
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The fee of \$170.00 representing both the Surcharge of \$130.00 and Assignment fee of \$40.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No.: 09-0468. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted", date mailed June 19, 2001, is also attached as per your instructions.

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- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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